Discontinuing Board Examination

†2144. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to discontinue board examination of tenth standard is under consideration of Central Board of Secondary Education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether approval of this proposal is likely to have a negative impact on the students; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

IITs in the country

2145. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of IITs in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the committee constituted to set up new IITs in the country by upgrading promising academic institutions has since submitted its report;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether Government have received any request from Himachal Pradesh for upgradation of some of their institutions into IITs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The number of

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Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in the country, State-wise are as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)	State/UT
1.	Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay	Maharashtra
2.	Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi	Delhi
3.	Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh
4.	Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur	West Bengal
5.	Indian Institute of Technology, Madras	Tamil Nadu
6.	Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati	Assam
7.	Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee	Uttarakhand

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Committee while finally short-listing the seven Institutions/ Universities for the purpose observed that all identified Institutions fall far below the level of the existing IITs in all criterions used for the short listing. The Committee was, therefore, of the view that in the light of the substantial gap between the selected Institutions and IITs, it would not be correct to position these Institutions straightway alongside the IITs. The Committee suggested that the selected Institutions should be described as Institutions possessing the best potential among the Engineering and Technology Colleges in the country for upgradation to the level of IITs. In order to start the upgradation process Rs. 61.00 crores have been allocated to these seven Institutions during 2006-2007.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Mapping of human resource development

2146. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have done mapping of human resource development in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of essential features of the mapping done?